

the purpose for which it has been organized.—Laura E. N. Grossnickle.

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5. Disposition or use to be made of the funds in the general treasury.—

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Report of work and methods of local societies.

Now all this may require more time than the half day asked for, but a part of it, that which more especially interests the sisters alone, can be done in a separate session held by the sisters, while the Brethren are doing work which more directly interests them. We earnestly hope that the Presidents of the local societies will not neglect their duty and work as presented to them in this paper, and that, if those to whom special work is assigned for Conference, will not accept the work, or cannot attend, they will at once notify us, so that the work can be assigned to others. Let us give the work our earnest thought, and go to Conference full of enthusiasm ourselves, and prepared to impart our enthusiasm to those present, that they may carry it home and impart it to yet others.

What we might do *if we would*! O, sisters, *if we would*.—O let us rouse to our duty, lest at the last great day it may be said of us "and ye *would not*."

TRUE MEN AND WOMEN

An oration delivered at the commencement of the Pleasant Hill, O. High School.

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The true men and women are the security of our nation. No nation excels ours in the number of happy homes; in other words we have the greatest number of true men and women. How many *more* happy homes there might be if each individual would do his or her duty as a true man or woman. "Life is real, life is earnest," and unless we can be made to realize its earnestness we may reap a harvest of barren regrets.

What the world needs is true men and women; men and women of true moral worth and virtuous habits who will dignify the position they may occupy whether in the workshop or the senate.

It is the men and women that are

true to the world, true to themselves and true to their God that are wanted and needed in this free country. As Shakespeare notes it, "To thine own self be true and it must follow as the night the day thou can'st not then be false to any man." How then, can we become true men or women?

Perhaps the most important requisite is a good character and it rests upon early training and individual efforts and actions. "Just as the twig is bent the tree is inclined." While every one should endeavor to maintain a good reputation it is more important that he have a good *character*.

True happiness depends not so much upon what is thought of us by others as on what we really *are*. We are placed in this world for a purpose; God did not intend us to be idle, worthless creatures; each one has a calling and it devolves upon us to make use of the power he has given us.

Character is power in a much truer sense than knowledge is power.

If we hope to attain any great eminence, we must have a high standard of life. Though we may not be able to fully realize it, we will reach a point far in advance of that from which we started.

"Pitch thy behavior low, thy projects high," for he who aims at the sky shoots higher than he who aims at the tree."

Could we see ourselves as others see us we would not be so helpless and negligent about what we call the trivial things. Every action has its influence and an influence never dies.

The boy when asked why he didn't pocket some pears for nobody was there to see him replied, "Yes, there was; I was there myself; and I don't intend ever to see myself do a dishonest thing." O, that there were more conscientious people in the world.

There is a truthfulness in actions as well as in words which is essential to the making of a true man or woman.

It should be our aim at all times to be what we wish to appear. Our words and actions should harmonize, and slowly but surely will we secure the reputation of a true man or woman.

The repetition of an act becomes a habit which at first seems as weak as a

spider's web, but once formed is very difficult to eradicate.

Form a habit of idleness or intemperance and it so controls us that it brings us below the standard we formerly occupied. Some one says "the youth who will not look up will look down; and the spirit that does not soar is destined perhaps to grovel."

To be a woman in the truest and highest sense is to be the best thing beneath the skies.

Woman is doubtless capable of filling almost any position in which she may be placed. A bright woman recently remarked, "I do not want any *rights*, I want the privileges of a woman." Give woman her privileges and her judgment and instinctive sense of propriety are so good, that she will naturally prefer the duties of home to a scuffle at the ballot box.

Not that a woman should be a slave or a drudge; but she should make her home so attractive to her husband and children that they will have no desire to go else where for entertainment. One cause of discontent with many a good and true woman is the desire to have a house as fine as some other person's. Envy thus destroys what would otherwise be an ideal home. Our homes are only reflections of ourselves, so far as the prevailing spirit in them is concerned.

True womanliness is an outward expression of a most admirable inner being, it embraces gracious kindness, delicate courtesy, the helping hand that is never reached for in vain; the sympathy that rejoices with a friend who is glad and that truly mourns when that friend's hour of trial comes. Surely it was the true womanly woman whose price was said to be above rubies.

The true lady is known wherever you meet her. Ten women enter a car and though we never saw them we shall point out the *lady* from the *pretension*. She does not giggle at every little thing that transpires. She does not wear a fine dress to be trampled upon, but a plain serviceable one. She wears thick soled shoes, and a plain simply trimmed hat.

The true gentleman is one whose nature has been fashioned after the highest models. His qualities depend